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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was mixed, mostly steady to about steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was usually in a range of light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available, instances ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices entered the week unchanged in all locations. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to moderate following the holiday weekend as buyers evaluate markets. Supplies were adequate to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for light demand. Light type hen offerings were fully adequate and demand was mostly light and unaggressive.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged from last week in all areas. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady with caution noted. Retail demand was moderate to at times good in areas with retail features. Food service movement was usually good. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as breakers assess additional needs. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where limited features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was about steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate, best where scattered features were in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 31, 2001 was 60.24 cents, unchanged from a week ago, but 10.43 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was light and supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Light type hens were fully sufficient for less than normal slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings generally ample.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was about steady following the holiday weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate as buyers assessed markets. Supplies were fully adequate for current trade needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | EXTRA | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NORTHEAST CITIES | LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
| Boston (Brown) | 98-100 | 85-87 | 59-61 |
| New York | 63-65 | 60-63 | 42-45 |
| Philadelphia | 61-63 | 59-61 | 41-42 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 55-56 | 53.5-55 | 33-34 |
| Jackson (1) | 66-67 | 62-63 | 42-43 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 64-76 | 60-74 | 39-53 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 52-57 | 51-56 | 34-39 |
| Detroit (2) | 49-52 | 48-51 | 30-33 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 50-56 | 49-54 | 31-37 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 53-61 | 51-58 | 34-41 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 69-72 | 64-68 | 44-47 |
| California (Grade AA)(1)(3) | 91 | 82 | 65 |
| (1) - Prices reported weekly | | | |
| (2) - Delivered Warehouse | | | |
| (3) - Reported Invoice prices | | | |

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally ample. Small invoice price 45. Ads in Northern California: major- in store large dozen 119-149. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | | RANGE |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| JUMBO | 107 | JUMBO | 249-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 91 | EXTRA LARGE | 219-249 |
| LARGE | 82 | LARGE | 199-239 |
| MEDIUM | 65 | MEDIUM | 179-199 |
| PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. | | | |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | RANGE | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA | RANGE |
| JUMBO | 239-289 | JUMBO | 249-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 229-269 | EXTRA LARGE | 219-249 |
| LARGE | 199-229 | LARGE | 199-239 |
| MEDIUM | 179-199 | MEDIUM | 179-199 |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 07, 2001 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 31, 2001 were 238,809 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 202,395 | 36,414 | 238,809 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -7 | +2 | -6 |

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as breakers assess additional needs. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 30-32 | 30-31 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 12-16 | |

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was only moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules for this week reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-SEP-01

| | RANGE CENTS/LB. | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 5-11 | 6-8.5 | 8.42 |

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal for holiday schedules. Canner supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-SEP-01

| | RANGE CENTS/LB. | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 5.5-10.5 | 7.5-9 | 8.26 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 03, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | |
|----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|
| | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 7.4 | 18.7 | 6.4 | 8.8 | 8.8 50.1 |
| | Change | -0.4 | -2.3 | 0.6 | -1.6 | -1.5 -9% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 25.2 | 50.8 | 14.2 | 27.0 | 23.5 140.7 |
| | Change | 2.5 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 7.4 | -1.8 8% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 30.8 | 105.2 | 71.9 | 84.7 | 92.5 385.1 |
| | Change | -5.3 | -0.1 | 10.6 | 4.3 | 5.4 4% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 14.1 | 37.8 | 25.6 | 28.4 | 24.6 130.5 |
| | Change | -0.9 | -4.7 | -1.8 | -2.9 | 0.1 -7% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 5.9 | 10.8 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 7.1 37.3 |
| | Change | 0.3 | 0.9 | -0.5 | -1.9 | 0.5 -2% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.8 | 18.3 | 6.8 | 11.3 | 6.4 48.6 |
| | Change | 3.3 | -2.9 | -1.9 | -1.2 | 0.6 -4% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 26.5 | 60.5 | 21.2 | 36.3 | 34.0 178.5 |
| | Change | 4.0 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 4.8 10% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 115.7 | 302.1 | 153.5 | 202.6 | 196.9 970.8 |
| Percent | Change | 3% | -1% | 6% | 4% | 4% 2% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 970.8 | 2% | 172 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 310.7 | 16% | 38 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|
| Total Shell Egg | 1281.5 | 5% | 210 |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2001

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 178.8 | 175.8 | 166.7 | 113.6 |

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 20, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 139 | 139 | 129 | 77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 31, 2001

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 23.75 | | | | | | | | 7.25 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL LOADS | | | | | | | | 31.00 | | | | | | | |
| SE | | | | NE | | | | MW | | | | SC | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 33.00 | 35.00 | 34.50 | 36.00 | — | — | 5.00 | GNR W 2 | — | 35.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | 32.00 | — | 1.00 | GL W XL | 40.00 | 42.00 | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| GL W XL | — | — | 42.00 | 44.00 | — | — | 1.75 | GL W LG | 37.00 | 42.00 | — | — | 39.50 | 42.50 | 6.00 |
| GL W LG | — | — | 39.00 | 41.00 | 37.00 | — | 2.50 | GL W MD | 22.00 | — | — | — | — | 28.00 | 3.00 |
| GL W MD | — | — | — | — | 26.50 | 28.00 | 3.00 | GL W SM | — | 19.00 | — | — | — | — | .50 |
| GL W SM | — | — | 16.00 | 17.50 | — | — | 1.00 | GL BR MD | — | 26.00 | — | — | — | — | .50 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 27.00 | 28.00 | 23.25 | 25.00 | 3.50 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | 17.00 | — | 17.00 | 18.00 | — | 21.00 | 2.25 | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/28/01-09/03/01

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 96.75 | | | | | | | | 70.25 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL LOADS | | | | | | | | 167.00 | | | | | | | |
| SE | | | | NE | | | | MW | | | | SC | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 33.25 | 38.25 | 34.33 | 36.33 | 35.00 | 35.00 | 144.00 | GNR W 1 | 42.00 | 40.88 | — | — | — | — | 13.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | 31.50 | 33.00 | 32.00 | — | 4.00 | GNR W 2 | — | 35.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR W 3 | 21.00 | 17.00 | — | — | 25.50 | 28.67 | 5.00 | GNR W 3 | — | 31.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | — | — | 21.50 | 24.00 | 2.00 | GNR W 4 | 22.50 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | — | — | 46.29 | 48.00 | 6.75 | GNR BR 1 | — | 44.00 | — | — | — | — | 3.00 |
| GNR BR 2 | — | — | 38.75 | 40.00 | — | — | 2.00 | GL W J | — | — | — | — | 53.00 | 57.00 | .75 |
| GL W J | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 | GL W XL | 41.90 | 44.67 | — | — | 46.07 | 49.34 | 34.75 |
| GL W XL | — | 46.22 | 42.75 | 45.17 | 40.43 | — | 110.50 | GL W LG | 38.57 | 44.62 | — | — | 40.79 | 43.57 | 28.25 |
| GL W LG | — | 45.18 | 36.69 | 39.08 | 36.83 | 41.00 | 55.50 | GL W MD | 24.14 | 26.00 | — | — | — | 29.28 | 17.50 |
| GL W MD | — | 22.38 | 20.50 | 22.00 | 26.00 | 26.38 | 29.00 | GL W SM | — | 19.00 | — | — | — | — | 2.50 |
| GL W SM | 17.00 | 20.00 | 16.00 | 17.50 | 18.14 | 21.33 | 5.50 | GL BR XL | — | — | — | — | — | — | .50 |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | 31.00 | — | — | 3.00 | GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | .50 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 27.00 | 28.00 | 29.17 | 30.33 | 46.00 | GL BR MD | — | 26.00 | — | — | — | — | .50 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | 27.80 | 7.00 | NRBS - 39 | 19.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 39 | 17.00 | — | 17.00 | 18.00 | — | 20.05 | 35.50 | NRBS - 36 | 16.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 36 | — | — | 11.00 | — | 13.60 | 16.00 | 7.00 | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/19/01 - 08/25/01

| State | # Cases Shipped To | | # Cases Shipped To | | # Cases Shipped To | | Total State |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|---------------|
| | Northern, | CA | Central, CA | | Southern, CA | | |
| Colorado | | 0 | | 0 | 7,200 | | 7,200 |
| Indiana | | 0 | | 0 | 850 | | 850 |
| Iowa | | 5,030 | | 850 | 35,658 | | 41,538 |
| Maine | | 0 | | 0 | 780 | | 780 |
| Minnesota | | 0 | | 0 | 3,283 | | 3,283 |
| Missouri | | 0 | | 0 | 5,610 | | 5,610 |
| Nevada | | 0 | | 0 | 306 | | 306 |
| New Hampshire | | 0 | | 0 | 2,640 | | 2,640 |
| Ohio | | 0 | | 1,610 | 2,039 | | 3,649 |
| Oregon | | 4,379 | | 2,131 | 413 | | 6,923 |
| Texas | | 0 | | 0 | 1,650 | | 1,650 |
| Utah | | 0 | | 2,190 | 2,750 | | 4,940 |
| Wisconsin | | 1,119 | | 0 | 1,590 | | 2,709 |
| TOTAL | | 10,528 | | 6,781 | 64,769 | | 82,078 |
| SHIPPED TO MILITARY | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | |
| SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY | | 10,528 | | 6,781 | 64,769 | | 82,078 |

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|--------------|
| JUMBO | 125-128 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 79-82 |
| LARGE | 66-69 |
| MEDIUM | 40-43 |
| SMALL | 17-20 |

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|--------------|
| JUMBO | 57-60 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 48-54 |
| LARGE | 46-51 |
| MEDIUM | 28-33 |
| SMALL | 18-22 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|--------|--------------|
| LARGE | 29-32 |
| MEDIUM | 12-14 |
| SMALL | 4-7 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 72.57 |
| LARGE | 69.27 |
| MEDIUM | 49.96 |
| SMALL | 36.76 |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

| | Current Week | Previous Week | Last Year |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| ON HAND | 08/27/01 | 08/20/01 | 08/28/00 |
| PACIFIC COAST | 227 | 270 | 557 |
| LOS ANGELES | 0 | 0 | 480 |

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS*****NOTICE*****

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND

| | August 19-25, 2001 | August 12-18, 2001 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eggs: "30 Dozen Cases" | 5,833 | 6,274 |

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